

MUST RETURN THE USURY

Those Who Took Michelsohn's Heavy Interest Must Disgorge

ASHBY JONES, CRUSADER

Declares the Issue is Joined Between the People and the Saloons—School of Whales Off Virginia Beach Blow Streams in the Air.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., May 22.—There was a meeting of the creditors of Adolph Michelsohn, the bankrupt lawyer and note-broker, before Dr. Lawrence Orner, referee in bankruptcy, this morning. The court adjourned to meet again next week. The referee attempted to liquidate any of the creditors obtained any usurious interest. In case they did, then that excess of interest must be returned to the estate for division among the creditors, or be deposited in a fund for the benefit of the estate. The estate had been pledged with property which had been pledged has been discovered and returned, so that the assets of the estate have risen in value from \$1,700 to something over \$10,000. The referee believes that the estate is able to pay about one-half of one per cent on the liabilities of about \$75,000. It was not a large meeting, and the creditors are not displaying much interest in the case.

ARTICLES NOT IDENTIFIED.
The failure to identify articles in dispute caused their loss by the owner in the Corporation Court this morning. The case was that of Philip Levy & Co., owners of articles which had been loaned on for the payment of rent. The tenant failed to pay the rent and articles of household furniture belonging to Philip Levy & Co. were levied on for the bill. Philip Levy & Co. claimed the articles, but identified them as "one bureau," "two chairs," and so on, in such a manner that the court decided to order the articles sold on the installment plan and which were still the property of the firm till paid for. It was an interesting case, but the amount involved was but one month's rent.

THE SEVENTH VERA CRUZ.
It is known definitely that the stranded vessel at Ocracoke Inlet, previously reported as the sixth, is really Vera Cruz, seventh. She is still in good condition, with standing rigging and all. Thirty-five tons of whale oil and bone should be taken out without further delay. The vessel appears to be in the same old, old shape, thought to be copper. The captain, Jose Fernandez, is still missing, but the 300 passengers have been taken to New Bedford, Mass.

REV. ASHBY JONES, CRUSADER.
Rev. Ashby Jones, D. D., of Richmond, Va., addressed a fair sized audience at South Norfolk on the liquor question. He was introduced by Rev. W. Ashby Christian, pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. Jones said that the issue was a clear cut one—saloon or no saloon—and that whether the people would have it or not, it was so, and they had to face it. The battle had been fought between righteousness and unrighteousness, and when those issues were at stake on the side of the righteous. The saloon, he declared, had been indicted for public opinion, and he believed that it was acting on the defensive. He declared that he had nothing to say against the saloon people personally; that it was not a campaign of personal attack, but a campaign of the history of the saloon would condemn it.

WHALES OFF THE BEACH.
A school of whales appeared off Virginia Beach yesterday morning. The whales were seen by a number of people less than two hundred yards from the shore. There were six, and during the time they could be seen it was interesting to watch them blow immense streams of water in the air. There were various estimates as to their length, but it is stated that the largest was sixty feet long.

During their stay off the fisheries, the fishermen thought it best not to take chances and remained in the water. The kings of the sea were enjoying their sun bath. The whales were in sight several hours, and could be plainly seen from the hotel. They went out to sea in a southerly direction.

NATHAN BEDSONS CAUGHT.
Nathan Bedsons, alias George Barnes, a desperate negro, arrested at Plainer's Point some time ago for drawing a pistol and threatening a conductor, was taken on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, has been identified as the murderer of Osborne Walker, his brother-in-law, in Belvidere, Pitt county, N. C., about a year ago. The case was heard in court, and nothing was heard from him until recently, when a letter written by him to his sister was intercepted, and he was located here. He has been sent to North Carolina to be tried for the murder.

ACCUSED OF THE MURDER.
The effort to obtain the release of Robert Upshur, the negro accused of the murder of Isaac Old, failed in the Police Court this morning. The court heard the conflicting testimony of the three accusing witnesses, all negro women, and twice as many for the defense, but still declared that he was obliged to commit the case to the grand jury. It should be heard in the Corporation Court.

SHOEMAKER COLLEGE

Closing Exercises of a Highly Successful Year.

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GATE CITY, VA., May 22.—The commencement exercises of Shoemaker College at Gate City, which began on the evening of May 16th, closed on the 20th, after a successful school year with Prof. H. Fitzpatrick, of Bedford City, as principal.

John Snodgrass received the medal given by the Phoenix Literary Society to declaration and honor. The Union Literary Society's medal for name, Miss Naomi Hale won the L. P. Kane medal for oratory. The Red Men of Virginia awarded a prize for oratory was awarded to J. E. Carter and the Bowling, Head and Sloan debater a medal was awarded to C. Williams. The Paul Henry scholarship medal was awarded to T. J. Stephenson. The Red Men of Virginia awarded a prize for oratory was awarded to H. C. Williams, H. K. McConnell, J. A. Noble and W. B. Peters.

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had been selected to respond to this toast but was called away from the banquet and Judge John T. Goolrick spoke in his place. "Rappahannock Tribe," May the Council Officers ever Burn Brighter for their Presence," Mr. C. O'Connor Goolrick, of the Rappahannock Tribe, No. 12, of this city, was a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Covers were laid for two hundred and fifty and every seat was occupied. While the courses were being served, "Yellow's Orchestra," of Richmond, furnished choice music. Dr. J. Garnett King was master of ceremonies, and introduced the speakers, who responded to the following toasts: "Fraternalism and the Good They Accomplish," responded to by Mr. J. W. D. Carter; "The Red Men of Virginia," responded to by Mr. John W. Cherrington; "The Future of the Race," responded to by Mr. J. J. Quinn.

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GOSSPEL HALF CENT A HEAD

Petersburg People Lacking in Material Appreciation.

EARLY-CLOSING MOVEMENT

Executive Committee of the Epworth League Convention Elects Officers and District Chairman—Large Black Eagle.

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PETERSBURG, VA., May 22.—Rev. George R. Stuart, who is conducting a series of services in this city, notified his audience this morning that more collections were being taken during the meeting they would have to be taken by somebody else. After taking collections for five evenings the total amount received is not sufficient to defray one-fourth of the expenses of the warehouse for the occasion, which cost \$420.00. At no service have the collections averaged one-half cent for each person present. Night before last the total collection amounted to nine dollars and a few cents and \$4.05 of this amount was in copper cents.

Mr. Stuart has made a favorable impression upon the people in this city. He is preaching the gospel of love and his services thus far have been free from any sensationalism.

The body of Mrs. Florence Wells was brought to Petersburg this afternoon and interred in the cemetery at Blandford.

The body of Mr. R. E. Redford, formerly a well known citizen of Petersburg, also reached here from Richmond this afternoon, and was buried in Blandford.

JUNIOR SAGAMORE.

Mr. J. W. Brown, of Petersburg, was elected Great Junior Sagamore by the Great Junior Red Men of Virginia, in session in Fredericksburg yesterday.

The Richmond Stars, said to be the best baseball team in Richmond, will play the Petersburg team in this city to-morrow afternoon at a quarter past 4 o'clock. The Stars expect to bring a large crowd with them over for their special car. Hooker and Morris compose the battery for Petersburg. It is probable that a large number of roofers will attend this game.

Messrs. W. H. Wilcox, Isham R. Dyer, C. C. Cashion and George Brown are calling on the merchants in this city in an effort to have them close their stores at 6 o'clock in the evening during the summer months.

The Executive Committee of the Epworth League Convention of Virginia, in session at the Young Men's Christian Association, in this city, last evening, elected the following officers and district chairmen: President, E. T. Dammun, of Norfolk; District, Rev. J. H. Winn; Petersburg District, R. E. Gill; Lynchburg District, Rev. S. J. Batten; Charlottesville District, Mr. J. H. Batten; Lynchburg District, Frank L. Wells; Charlottesville District, Rev. Ernest F. Hall; Rappahannock, Richmond and Portsmouth Districts to be supplied.

Petersburg was selected as the place for the meeting of the next conference.

Mr. Otto Kahn, of this city, has a large black eagle, which was captured a few days ago by a motorman near Drewry's Bluff. The wings of the eagle measure eight feet and its tip to tip.

The Country Club gave a dance at their clubhouse in Dinwiddie this evening.

GO THROUGH TO CHASE CITY SOON

Beginning on next Monday the local passenger train which has been running over the Southern Railroad between Richmond and Keysville will operate between this city and Chase City. No change in the schedule will be made as a result of the determination to run the train through. It will leave Richmond every afternoon at 6 o'clock, reaching Keysville at 8:45, and arriving at Chase City at 9:25.

The incoming train will leave Chase City at 5:15 A. M., reaching Richmond at 8:45.

Captain Westbury, district passenger agent of the Southern, is still in New Orleans, where he went with the Veterans and the Howitzers. He will return with the party on their special train next week.

Mr. H. W. Fuller, of Washington, general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio, was in Richmond for a few hours yesterday, en route to Midway, where he will remain for a short time.

LIVE VIRGINIA HAPPENINGS FROM THE FIELD AT LARGE

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 22.—The striking carpenters are still out, and there seems to be absolutely no change in the situation. The contractors have ordered to submit their demands to an Arbitration Committee, but the contractors have not determined to give in, and there is no telling when the strike will end. Very few buildings are still at a standstill. The strike of the general unions was discussed tonight at the Central Labor Union and the Chamber of Commerce meetings. The committee appointed by the carpenters to act in this matter has taken no decided steps up to this time.

ROANOKE, VA., May 22.—A meeting was held this afternoon in the interest of the persecuted Jew of Russia. Mr. Cutchin presiding. Dr. S. Simon offered a resolution, which was adopted, denouncing the Russian, and all other governments which persecute people for their religious beliefs.

A large number of people, and a committee was appointed to solicit additional subscriptions.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., May 22.—The autopsy in the Palace of Mystery, one of the shows of the Layton Carnival Company, which is now being given here, exploded this afternoon just as a performance was about to conclude. After hard work the tent was saved from fire, but the machine is a wreck. The proprietor estimates his loss at \$300.

Large crowds continue to visit the carnival daily. The gambling concerns have been closed by the authorities.

ORANGE, VA., May 22.—Thirty baskets of homing pigeons were received here to-day from Philadelphia, to be liberated Saturday morning. This is the regular two-hundred-mile station for Philadelphia, and thousands are liberated here every spring and fall.

A few years ago 1,250 birds were liberated here at the same time, and the United States. A photographer from Philadelphia came here and took photographs of the scene of the liberation.